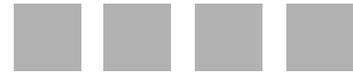




Section 3 Coordinator Grant Summary

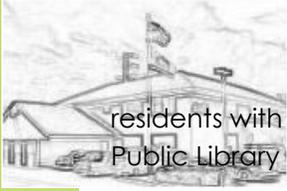


The HUD Section 3 Coordinator Grant made it possible for the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin (HACSJ) to establish a Section 3 Economic Opportunities Program and a Regional Section 3 Coalition (Coalition). The grant provided HACSJ with the opportunity to provide support with Section 3 implementation, compliance, and outreach.

The Section 3 Coordinator created templates of Section 3 materials, including self-certification forms, flyers, brochures, and a database, which are available to all Coalition partners. The HACSJ website now contains a Section 3 page with information about the program and all Section 3 covered procurement solicitations include language indicating the applicability of Section 3 to the project.

As a result of continuous outreach efforts in San Joaquin County, HACSJ now maintains an active and growing Section 3 Resident and Business Concern Directory consisting of a total of 230 resident and business participants. In the past year, HACSJ had a 50% Section 3 new hire rate for employment opportunities available at HACSJ. A local contractor became the first to hire two Section 3 Residents through the HACSJ Section 3 Program. Currently, both Section 3 Residents are still employed with the business and were promoted to the position of installer. A Section 3 Business was also recently awarded a subcontract by a contractor performing demolition work at two HACSJ Public Housing Developments. Another Section 3 Resident is in the final process of obtaining her home child care license after attending a HACSJ Business Opportunity Workshop.

Various community partnerships have been established to address barriers faced by Section 3 participants. HACSJ is working with the San Joaquin County Enterprise Zone to increase opportunities available to Section 3 participants. To address resident transportation issues, San Joaquin Regional Transit District provides travel training to Section 3 residents and is working with HACSJ for a possible route to and from an HACSJ Public Housing Development located in rural county areas. Section 3 Residents can also receive additional employment services through the Workforce Investment Board/WorkNet, a Section 3 Coalition partner. Additionally, the HACSJ Family Self Sufficiency Department and Villa Real, Inc., a non-profit subsidiary of HACSJ, provide



residents with workshops and resources. HACSJ is also working with the San Joaquin County Public Library for assistance with literacy, basic computer skills training, and computer access.

The Coalition, a regional partnership among the counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, and Madera, continues to work towards compliance and education of HUD funding recipients and community partners. The Stanislaus Section 3 Program now maintains a Section 3 Resident Database, and is looking forward to participation by businesses.

During the second year of the Section 3 Economic Opportunities Program the Section 3 Coordinator will transition into a part time position through Villa Real, Inc. and continue the progress of the Section 3 Economic Opportunities Program by continuing to serve as a workforce resource for businesses and a workforce development program for residents.